

Overstreet Bio Sketch

Dr. David Overstreet is the founder of Great Lakes Archaeological Research Center, Inc. (1975-2002). In addition to more than 25 years as President of that institution his teaching background includes a tenured appointment as Associate Professor in the University of Wisconsin Center System and a stint as Director of the Center for Archaeological Research at Marquette University until his retirement there in 2004. Appointed as adjunct professor at College of Menominee Nation in 2005, he served as senior archaeologist at the Center for Cultural Research (CCR), Department of Education-Outreach-Extension. His primary responsibilities were overseeing and directing the applied and pure research archaeological activities at CCR. He also taught History 122, Pre-contact History of the Menominee Nation, developed a summer youth program in Menominee Heritage, and conducted extensive field research funded by College of Menominee Nation, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Inc., the National Park Service, the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture and other sponsors.

Many of the Center's efforts were directed to support the Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the activities of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Those activities entailed carrying out archaeological surveys in advance of planned development projects, revisiting and documenting prehistoric and historic sites that had been previously reported or were known from oral traditions and participating in consultation with federal agencies. Pure research efforts were focused on attaining a more comprehensive understanding of the links between the Menominee Tribe and its prehistoric past, particularly during the late prehistoric and into the mid-17th century post-contact era.

Overstreet's interests include all phases of Wisconsin Archaeology from the most distant past of the last great ice age some 12-14,000 years ago to post-European contact sites and logging industry-related sites. Currently he serves as a research associate of the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Logan Museum of Anthropology, he is a past president of the Wisconsin Archaeological Survey, Inc., a state-wide professional organization, past president of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society and past editor of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*. Overstreet is still active in regional, national, and international research and provides consulting services to state, federal, and municipal agencies as well as to selected private sector clients. He is the recipient of the Lapham Research Medal for distinguished research in Anthropology, Marquette University Life-time Distinguished Scholar's award, The Robert Ritzenthaler life-time Service Award from the Wisconsin Archeological Society, the Lifetime Distinguished Career Award from the Midwest Archaeological Conference and was honored to be appointed as a Sturgeon Warrior by Menominee Nation Tribal Legislative resolution and proclamation.